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Dear Dr. Rudy:

Thank you again for the information you provided in support of your request that Poland be considered free from classical swine fever (CSF). The information you submitted was very helpful to us in initiating our evaluation. However, our review team has identified several areas where more information is needed in order to proceed with our evaluation.

Foremost, we were unable to establish exactly what animals or products you wish to export to the United States. We understand that your primary interest is recognition by the United States that Poland is free from CSF. However, to ensure that CSF is the sole disease of concern, please identify the commodities you wish to export.

The remainder of our response is organized according to the 11 factors listed in Title 9, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 92.2 (9 CFR 92.2) that Veterinary Services considers essential for evaluating animal disease. We would appreciate your reply to each of our questions.

We would also like to acknowledge receipt of the information you provided in support of your request that Poland be considered free from Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD). We are in the process of reviewing your initial submission and will contact you if additional information is required.

Once the information on both CSF and SVD is complete, and provided that the animal health situation in Poland appears generally satisfactory, we will need to conduct a site visit to complement and verify the information. Following our site visit, we will conduct a risk assessment and propose changes to our regulations as appropriate.

We look forward to working with you during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Ron DeHaven".

W. Ron DeHaven
Deputy Administrator
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